

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 9 and 10 are amended herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9 and 10 are currently pending and under consideration.

II. CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 9 and 10 are amended herein to overcome the objections.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the objections are overcome.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 9 AND 10 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(A) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER GOEL ET AL. (US 6,359,708) IN VIEW OF MARONEY (US 6,681,079)

According to the claims 9 and 10 (as amended herein), the claimed transmission system of the present invention performs the optical light cutoff control by detection of the Raman pump light when Raman amplification is being performed, and performs the optical light cutoff control by detection of the optical supervisory signal if the Raman amplifier becomes faulty.

Goel and Maroney, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the structure or the features recited in claims 9 and 10.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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